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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the hearing fee of \$290.00 to Deposit Account No. 500744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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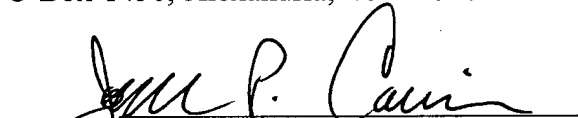

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